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VIRGINIA SUSAN LESTER COPELAND,

64, a former administrative officer with several government intelligence agencies and a resident of the Washington area since 1944, died of cancer Oct. 31 at her home in Potomac.

Mrs. Copeland was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and attended the University of Rhode Island. During World War II, she worked for the old Office of Strategic Services, a predecessor of the Central Intelligence Agency. After the war, she served with the old War Department in China and then briefly with the CIA. She resigned in 1947.

She was a member of the Worland Civic Association in Potomac.

Mrs. Copeland was the widow of retired Army Col. Charles Henry Copeland, who died in 1982. They were married in 1947 when both were stationed in China.

Survivors include one son, Craig Scott Copeland of Columbus, Ohio, and one brother, Donald Charles Lester of Fresno, Calif.